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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

Ms. Christy Davis Johannessen & Associates, P.S. 5413 Meridian Avenue North Suite B Settle, WA 98103

RE: Request Number: EPA-HQ-2019-005328

Dear Ms. Davis,

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Freedom of Information Office, in which you are seeking:

Copies of Proofs of Claim submitted to State of New Hampshire Superior Court regarding the Liquidation of The Home Insurance Company, Docket No. 217-2003-EQ-00106. The proofs of claim asserted that policy holder Duwamish Shipyard, Inc. is liable under CERCLA and that certain insurance policies issued by The Home Insurance Company potentially provide coverage for EPA claims under CERCLA as regards Duwamish Shipyard, Inc. The proofs of claim were the subject of a settlement between the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency and a release agreement approved by the court on March 26, 2019.

The Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE) has searched all locations likely to contain responsive documents and found no records. The Department of Justice files all the proofs of claim for the federal government. We suggest that you submit a FOIA request to the Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, requesting the relevant information.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the EPA's National FOIA Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2310A), Washington, DC 20460 or through FOIAonline if you are an account holder. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 5315, Washington, DC 20460. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EST will be

considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek assistance from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Governmental Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; fax, (301) 837-0348.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Antoinette Powell-Dickson at (202) 564–5136 or powell-dickson.antoinette@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Patterson

Director

Regional Support Division

Office of Site Remediation Enforcement